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Six-month Extension of NOM-EM-006-PESC Regulating The Import Of Live & Dead Crustaceans

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published an announcement that extends the enforcement of NOM-EM-006-PESC-2004, which establishes the sanitary requirements for aquatic health in the production and mobilization of live & dead crustaceans, their products and by-products, and the import of such into the country. This regulation continues to limit the number of entry points for U.S. shrimp exporters while imposing additional trade and certification requirements, but the impact on U.S. exports is not forecast to be significant. This NOM will be in effect until December 28, 2004.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an official announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on July 27, 2004.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcements and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulations in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulations or announcements as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On July 27, 2004 the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published an announcement that extends the enforcement of the emergency regulation NOM-EM-006-PESC-2004. This regulation establishes the sanitary requirements for aquatic health in the production and mobilization of live & dead crustaceans, their products and by-products, and the import of such into the country. This regulation was first published on January 26, 2004.

After evaluating the prevailing conditions that motivated the implementation of NOM-EM-006 and, confirming the need for its continued implementation, SAGARPA decided to extend its enforcement for an additional six-month period. Emergency NOMs can only be in effect for a total of one year and it is unclear what will happen at the end of this additional six-month extension, when the one-year period is up.

The scope of this NOM is to establish additional requirements (originally established in NOM-030-PESC-2000) for aquatic health in the production of crustaceans, their products and by-products, as well as their introduction to Mexico; it also includes the use of drugs or chemicals in shrimp cultivation. This regulation continues to limit the number of entry points for U.S. shrimp exporters while imposing additional trade and certification requirements (see MX4041). Since its implementation, although there has been an increase in requirements, most U.S. exporting companies have been shipping via the authorized entry points and complying with these requirements. Due to this fact, the impact on U.S. exports is not forecast to be significant.

Important Dates:

1. **Publication Date:** July 27, 2004.
2. **Effective Date:** July 28, 2004.
3. **Expiration Date:** December 28, 2004.

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